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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Sir:

The undersigned attorney petitions, pursuant 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), for a two (2) month extension to extend the time for response to the Examiner's Action dated 28 October 1999 in the above-identified patent application for two months from 28 January 2000 up to and including 28 March 2000 and has paid the required fee of \$190.00 (small entity) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.136(a) and 1.17. Applicants' Response and request for a patent application filing pursuant to the continuing prosecution application procedure in accord with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d) is being filed concurrently with the above-identified patent application.

A check in the amount of \$190.00 (small entity) is enclosed to cover the fee for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17. Applicants' attorney authorizes the Examiner to charge Deposit Account no. 13-4822 if there are any additional charges in connection with this response.

duplicate copy of this Petition is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as enclosed, are being deposited, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8, with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this ZXV , 2000.

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